

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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McLean, Virginia

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed contemporaneously with the filing of the subject application. Please amend the claims of the application as indicated below without prejudice in order to be able to reintroduce the subject matter in translated claims.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 8 and substitute the following amended claim which is on a separate sheet of paper, followed by the claim shown in its amended form using brackets and underlining on another sheet of paper: